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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. International Publication No. WO 02/103380 A1 published December 27, 2002

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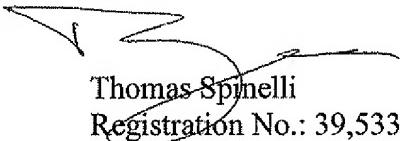

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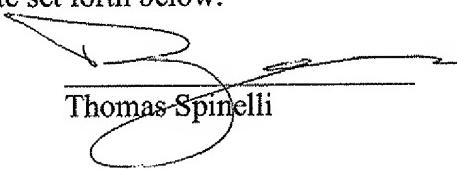
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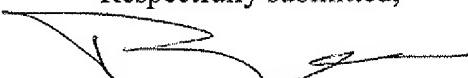
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Therefore, the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith cannot be considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application under paragraphs (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9), or (c)(10) of 37 C.F.R. §1.704.

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